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JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: TEAM SPIRIT 78

REF: (A) TOKYO 2999; (B) SECDEF 241454Z FEB 78

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO GOJ OUR APPECIATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF TEAM SPIRIT 78. YOU CAN ASSURE THEM THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE OUR COMMITMENT TO ROK THROUGH MAJOR EXERCISES AND OTHER INITIATIVES IN THE FUTURE AND THAT WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUING JAPANESE UNDERSTANDING CONFIDENTIAL

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AND SUPPORT THAT IS SO ESSENTIAL TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVES.

2. YOU CAN ADD THAT WE HAVE TAILORED THE PRESS COVERAGE FOR THIS EXERCISE WITH GOJ CONCERNS FULLY IN MIND. WE WILL CONCENTRATE COVERAGE IN THE US AND KOREA AND MINIMIZE COVERAGE RE USE OF BASES IN JAPAN. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE

TAKEN STEPS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY PUBLICITY OF THE YOKOTA AFB REFUELLING STOPS OF AIRCRAFT CARRYING LANCE UNIT. (REFTEL B).

- 3. YOU MAY CONFIRM THAT B-52, FB-111, SR 71 AND U-2 AIR-CRAFT WILL NOT COME TO JAPAN AS PART OF TEAM SPIRIT 78.
- 4. CONTENTS OF PARA 1, 2 AND 3 WERE PASSED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE THIS DATE.

5. FYI. 8 F-111'S WILL DEPLOY FROM US TO KOREA AND RETURN TO PARTICIPATE IN TEAM SPIRIT. WHILE NO LANDINGS IN JAPAN ARE SCHEDULED, WE CANNOT RULE OUT EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THIS NATURE. END FYI. VANCE

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